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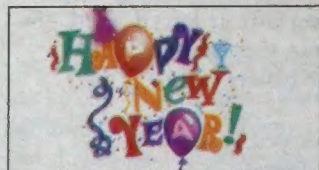
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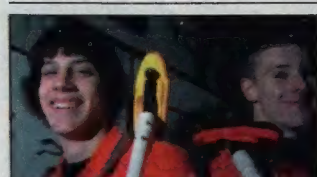
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Happy for the holiday

Connor Dollo lets out a shout as he toboggans down the hill behind Archie Stouffer Elementary School on what turned out to be the last day of school before the Christmas break. Slick roads cancelled classes as well as the Christmas pageant on December 23.

What makes a new year happy?

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

In just a few days, the Highlands will be ringing with shouts of "Happy New Year!"

We asked several Highlanders what it will take to make them happy in 2006.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon was driving through southern Ontario's Mennonite country when his cellphone rang. Pulling over to the side of the road so he could contemplate the question, his first response was "One hundred per cent co-operation from council."

"I would like to see Minden Hills move

forward and really start to prosper," he continued. "We need to look outside the box."

Looking out his car window at the streets of St. Jacob's, McMahon saw what happens when a village works together to promote tourism. "The owners take pride in their stores and are happy when you come in," he says.

In the New Year he's going to contact the Haliburton County Development Corporation and several downtown businesspeople to see what can be done.

"Let's start promoting the town of Minden," he says. "We're the gateway to the

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HAVE goes to India

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The grassroots keep growing in Haliburton County as HAVE continues to bring clean drinking water to those in need halfway around the world.

Since 1982, the small but dedicated group of volunteers who make Help a Village Effort so successful has brought clean drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people in India, their main region of charity for the past 10 years.

Former Haliburton resident Gerry Feltham started the organization in 1982 to give the world what we take for granted here in the county: fresh drinking water.

"Gerry wanted to help the poor," says Ron Reid, an original member of HAVE and one

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county, the river is being under-utilized, the downtown needs a lift. I'd like to see us get a special events co-ordinator, either at the municipal office or a volunteer. We've got so much it's just a matter of getting it done."

On a more personal level, McMahon says he's reaching the age when many people are getting sick or facing death. That makes him look more carefully at his own life. "I want to enjoy life to its fullest and give whatever I can give. It makes me happy to see other people happy."

Gord Monk knows how lucky he is to be ringing in another new year. The former Minden businessman and long-time community volunteer he came very close to death while fighting a bout of melanoma. He knows that

without good health, very little else matters.

"You've got health, you've got the world."

A few days before Christmas, he was helping Santa greet the children at the Minden Figure Skating Club. When he asked one little girl what she wanted, she said that her only wish was for Alex to get better. Alex was sick and she was worried about him. This little girl was old before her time because she knew what was more valuable than any gift left under the tree.

That wisdom doesn't prevent Monk from having his own wish list, however. He starts his list of what would make him happy with two big ones: "The end of the war in Iraq and the violence in society."

It's "a sad, sad situation" when someone Boxing Day shopping can be killed in a gunfight on the streets of Toronto, he says.

On a local level, "two, or three doctors would be wonderful." He's pleased with the progress that's been made in improving healthcare services in the Highlands, but the doctor shortage "is a major concern right now."

Minden also needs more housing for seniors, somewhere they can call home when their own house is too onerous to manage but they're not ready for the institutional care offered by Hyland Crest. Transitional housing "would be awfully nice."

On January 23 he'd like to see MP Barry Devolin get elected. "He's local and has our best interests at heart."

Like McMahon, he'd like to see everyone working together for the betterment of all.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," he says. "Everyone has to work at it and co-operate. People need to work together to make it happen. If we get that, we get all the ingredients for success."

"But with all our pitfalls and bellyaching, we're still in the greatest area of the world."

There's another echo when county warden Murray Fearrey answers the question. "What would make me happy is the the county and the community working together."

Snowbirds can vote before they leave

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

Elections Canada is rather accommodating when it comes to ensuring everyone gets to exercise their vote. For those snowbirds in the county who just can't wait until Jan. 23 to cast their ballot, the government agency provides a few different options to get your vote in.

The two main avenues for early voters are advance voting polls and special ballot voting. Advance voting stations will open at the Minden Community Centre and the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 13, 14, and 16.

Special ballots are another form of advanced voting. Voters can drive down to the returning office in Lindsay any time up until Jan. 17 and fill out a ballot.

"The difference is that special ballot voting is open all the time," says Returning Officer Jerry J. Ford. "So for long distance commuters, they have to drive [to Lindsay], whereas advance ballots will be in their region."

The returning office is located in suite 4 at 55 Angeline Street North in Lindsay.

In both cases, voters need to bring identification that show their name, address, and signature. Ford says the best document to bring is a driver's licence because it meets all three criteria.

Snowbirds who are already basking in the Florida sun can go on-line to the Elections Canada website and download an application. But Ford warns that time is of the essence because it has to be processed at the Ottawa office.

Ford also reminds newcomers to the riding to change their information. Registered voters voting for the first time in this riding can call the Lindsay office (1-866-238-7133) and ask that their information be revised to reflect their current residence. Give yourself a little time prior to Jan. 23 because election officials will send you a form to sign and send back. Ford says the quickest way to update your information is to drop by the returning office with your driver's licence.

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Filling the hampers

Food bank feels community's spirit

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

A few days before Christmas, volunteers at the Minden Food Bank were most definitely stirring. A number of activities and donations that took place around the town last week kept Barbara Walford-Davis and the other Minden Food Bank volunteers busy and also kept the food reserves up for the winter months.

Being busy, says Walford-Davis, is good because it means there are donations being made. Particularly on Wednesday of last week, she and the past chair of the food bank, Mary Hicks, were busy collecting checks, food and toys for the food bank's reserves.

In Minden, Lynda Easton of Easton's Valu-Mart was the first stop for Walford-Davis and Hicks. Easton gladly presented the food bank with a cheque for \$899.43. She says it was important that her donation be made before Christmas.

"This is probably the time of highest need," says Easton. "Food is my field of retail," she added. "I felt it is important to reimburse the community, and food is applicable."

Also at Easton's Valu-Mart and Dollo's IGA, the Haliburton Highlands OPP was trying to fill a few cruisers with food. The fill-a-cruiser campaign, complete with flashing lights outside the grocery store doors, urges shoppers to pick up a few non-perishable food items for the food bank and to drop them off in the cruiser when they have finished shopping.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Officer Mark McMaster said that this year's campaign is right on track, adding that the campaign always manages to fill a cruiser. This year, the OPP succeeded in filling a Ford Expedition with food donations from shoppers at both Valu-Mart and IGA collectively.

"People are very generous and we appreciate it," says Walford-Davis about the fill-a-cruiser campaign. "We really appreciate too what Tim Hortons did for us," she added. Earlier this year, Tim Hortons made available and collected paper bags to be filled with non-perishable food items.

"They really did go out of their way," says Walford-Davis.

The Rotary Club of Minden, too, made a sizeable donation to the food bank on Wednesday of last week. While diligently filling hampers at the Christmas Hamper headquarters, Rotary President Bill Obee and a group of Rotarians took a time out to present Walford-Davis, Mary Hicks and the Minden Food Bank with a cheque for \$1,200.

In addition to the \$250 that the Rotary Club donates quarterly to the food bank, the \$600 donated from the Minden Rotary Club was matched by the Rotary District.

"The service clubs, and that is plural, all do a lot for the community," says Obee. "Getting involved in the projects we support is really one of the goals of Rotary."

The Christmas hamper campaign provided an entire Christmas dinner worth of



Bryn Weese photos/TIMES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's student council gladly handed over their collected food to Ron Reid (at right) for the Christmas Hamper campaign. Joining Reid in front of the entire student council are co-Prime Ministers J.J. Kerr and Kaitlin Allore.



Lynda Easton (left) presented Mary Hicks (centre) and Barbara Walford-Davis of the Minden Food Bank with a sizeable cheque for \$899.43. The donation is the result of several fundraising efforts held at Valu-Mart as well as additional funds from the store itself.



Jack Henry (left) was not under-arrest outside Dollo's IGA last Wednesday. He, like many others gave generously to the OPP's fill-a-cruiser campaign at both the IGA and Easton's Valu-Mart. Officer Mark McMaster and Auxiliary Officer Ian Wilson supervised the prisoner...err...food transfer.



The Minden Food Bank's past chair Mary Hicks (left) and the present chair Barbara Walford-Davis (second from left) were very glad to receive a cheque for \$1,200 from the Minden Rotary Club. Presenting the cheque is Rotary Treasurer Kathleen Lang beside Club President Bill Obee (second from right) and Rotarian Jim Wilson (right). In the back row, from left, are Rotarians Merike Kalm, Joanne Penfold, Bob Penfold, Jeanne Anthon, Bob Hurtle and Penny Obee.

food to families in need. A turkey or ham was included as were all the trimmings. The campaign went well this year, says Ron Reid who heads up each year in co-operation with the Minden Food Bank, but volunteers and food are always welcome for next year.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School also pitched in. By December 21, the ASES students had collected a mountain of food beneath a Christmas tree in the school's main foyer. Reid gladly met with the student council to collect the food.

The influx of donations to the food

bank and the Christmas Hamper campaign is always welcome, says Walford-Davis. This year, the Minden Food Bank is providing for more families than ever.

"This year, with heating and hydro costs increasing, more and more families are in need," says Walford-Davis.

A child's Christmas in Wales re-visited

Every year, reporter Bryn Weese returns to his mother's homeland where there's scarcely a peep about red-nosed reindeer

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Amidst the whirlwind that has become Christmas in North America – increasingly expensive gifts, lights, television specials and Boxing Day sales – it is hard to imagine that there could be, or ever has been a different, simpler way to spend the holidays.

Ever since I can remember, and indeed before my memories begin, I have spent an appreciable number of my Christmases in Wales, far across the Atlantic Ocean.

My mother, hailing from a small village, Betws, in South Wales near Swansea, has, thankfully, for me, maintained close relations with her family in Wales. Several years ago I lived in Wales while studying at university. The differences in culture are marked throughout the entire year, but especially at Christmas.

In Wales, there is scarcely a peep about red-nosed reindeer, frosty snowmen or thieving Grinches stealing Christmas. While the traditions of a Weese family Christmas in Wales bear little resemblance to even our own holiday traditions when we celebrate Christmas on this side of the ocean, our traditions in Wales are



Walking is a long-standing tradition of a Christmas in Wales. Joined by his father, Bob, and brother Dylan, Bryn, at right, stands atop the Brecon beacons. In the villages, the air, thick with coal dust, is a reminder that he's been transported to another world.

just as strong.

Take for instance the Christmas Pint. It is perhaps my dad's favourite (not for a love of the drink, but rather the nostalgia of a Welsh pub and the hike required to get us there).

However politically incorrect, the tradition began, long before my time, when my mother's father and my dad would duck out of helping with the preparation of Christmas dinner by marching down to the local pub, the Cennen Arms, for a nice pint of tepid flat Welsh bitter. Now

that my grandfather, or *Dadcu* in Welsh, has passed on, my father continues with the tradition and routinely enlists his sons to relive the past. The beer is still flat, slightly warm and bitter, but for my father, nothing is finer on Christmas Day.

Walking too is a long-standing tradition of a Christmas in Wales, certainly for my family. On brisk cool nights it is not unusual to see the whole Weese clan walking around my mother's old neighbourhood as she relives her past and tells us all, year after year, who lived where, who did what and how things were done. The air, thick with the scent of burning coal, reminds my mother and teaches the rest of us poignantly that even the air in Wales at Christmas time is part of the experience of a typical Welsh Christmas.

Besides a hearty pint and a brisk walk, no Christmas in Wales would be complete without attending a rugby match in either Swansea or Llanelli. Almost religiously held on what we would call Boxing Day, the holidays are no times for rabid supporters of either the Llanelli Scarlets or

the Swansea-Neath Ospreys to call a truce. While I am hardly Welsh enough to have team loyalties engraved on my psyche like my mother's family, I too appreciate a fine display of rugby sportsmanship. Attending the game, or "match" in the local jargon, is a ritual not just for my immediate family but also for our close cousins, the Davies. Christmas is not Christmas without family, especially in Wales.

I rejoice now in all the things that set my Christmases in Wales apart from my family's holidays here at home. To show my age, or perhaps my immaturity (or both), I still enjoy the excitement of waking up early on Christmas morning to find presents under the tree.

While the presents may be smaller in size to accommodate a flight across the Atlantic, they are often all the more meaningful, given the context of being a child spending Christmas in Wales.

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Stubborn Welsh Methodists keep commercialism at bay

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oured tradition of smaller gifts in Wales, my brother and I both received new skateboards for Christmas. Mine was a blue, old-school Tony Hawk model. Remembering it now, I realize just how many years ago that was. So long ago, in fact, that the streets in my mother's neighbourhood were still surfaced mainly with bricks. For those who may not know, skateboarding on brick roads is not recommended, either for your knees or the skateboard itself. That said, the blue Tony Hawk skateboard was one of, if not the most memorable, Christmas presents I have ever received, knowing that my parents lugged not one but two of them across the ocean simply for a smile on our faces on Christmas morning.

Despite my personal fond memories of certain gifts, however, materialism is not a part of Christmas in Wales the way it is in many corners of North America.

I suspect it is largely because of the strong Methodist roots that still grow deep in the valleys of Wales; the commercialization of Christmas has been resisted by the Welsh. Christmas in Wales is to this day reserved exclusively for family, friends, tradition and a few days of peaceful repose from otherwise hectic lives.

My cousins, for example, look forward to their Christmas presents as much as they do the traditional Christmas morning service – in Welsh – at the local chapel. Despite living in London, they both annually participate in the service; Richard with a reading, and his older sister, Sian, with a song.

But even for the stubborn Welsh Methodists, the commercial forces at work during Christmas are sometimes too great. While in my grandmother's living room in Wales, my father still manages to sneak on Bing Crosby's Christmas CD, *White Christmas*; much to my mother's chagrin, elsewhere in the neighbourhood more and more lights are being strewn across doorways and shrubs. In fact, some communities in Wales have become so

illuminated for the holidays that you could easily forget where you were.

Except, blinking in red and green fluorescent is *Nadolig Llawen* instead of Merry Christmas. Similarly, *Blwyddyn Newydd dda* instead of Happy New Year. There, blinking on lawns and doorframes on houses clinging for dear life to the magnificent hillsides of Wales, are stark reminders that I am not in a suburb of

Toronto. I am in fact in the land of my fathers, as the Welsh say.

My Welsh roots extend far back into the annals of Britain's history. In my mother's lineage are farmers, teachers, soldiers, coal miners and of course singers, as well as a late British Member of Parliament, Jim Griffiths, who served as the first Secretary of State for Wales in the post-war

Labour government.

The Welsh themselves are an old people. Along with the Basques in northern Spain, they are the original natives of Europe. The age of Wales is exhibited tangibly in rock piles and rubble heaps dotted on mountains and in valleys throughout the county. To the tourist, what is Wales without its castles?

Visiting the castles of Wales, many of them nothing more than rubble and ruins, is also a tradition of a Weese family Christmas in Wales. Not necessarily for their festive value, of which there is very little in a fortified stronghold designed for battle, but it is at Christmas that my family typically goes to Wales. The discovery of our past and the celebration of Christmas have blended into one and the same. Right or wrong, it makes for very picturesque Christmases.

Christmases in Wales attracted noteworthy status following the posthumous publishing of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," by Wales' most famous modern poet, Dylan Thomas. In the holiday classic, Thomas relives a typical Christmas day for him as a child in Wales.

While there are no castles, no rugby matches and, thankfully for him and for us, no Weeses in his story, he eloquently captures the Welsh Christmas magic that



Like father like son: Bryn enjoys 'a Christmas pint.'

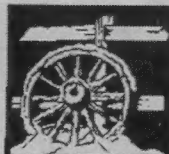


What is Wales without its castles? Bryn, carried on his mother's back, visits Kid Welly in 1981.

transcends tradition, both his and mine. A Christmas in Wales, for young and old, and for my family and others, is a wondrous occasion filled with happiness, history, friends, family and joy.

I hope it was in Minden, too.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Senseless

There's something about the Boxing Day shootings in downtown Toronto that has the power to rattle the feeling of peacefulness and security we enjoy in the Highlands. To have someone caught in the crossfire of a gunfight on a crowded street corner puts us all off kilter. It shakes our easy faith in Canada as a kinder, safer country than the United States. We may live far away from Yonge and Dundas Streets, but the young girl's death is so tragic, so hopelessly senseless, that we cannot help but lose a little of our own innocence, too.

Politicians, police, social workers, community volunteers – in the next few weeks all will be given lots of space in newspapers to outline what they think has gone wrong and how they can fix it. But the cause of such violence is too big, too outlandish to put into a few easy sentences. What's happened is this: at the very core of their being, a group of young people has become so disconnected from their wider society, and perhaps even their humanity itself, that they blindly shoot guns in the middle of a crowded street without any care or regard for other people's lives, including their own.

Can this happen here?

Well, for one thing, most of the people involved in gang crime are young (maybe they don't live long enough to get old) and we have our share of young people. Some of them feel very connected with their community. They're involved with local clubs, take part in school activities, feel a part of something bigger than themselves. Others have either abandoned the community or felt abandoned by it. They drift through their days without purpose or goal. Is it their fault that they're not as engaged as their peers? Can we blame them for not having jobs, for not applying themselves to school, for not taking advantage of what is being offered to them?

There's no way we can answer yes to the above questions. We have not been inside their homes, lived their lives, been taken along the same path of dejection and rejection. Granted, there is some validity in the argument that we as an instant-gratification society are reaping what we've sown in a generation that expects too much to be simply handed to them, but that too is an over-simplification.

What we can learn from Toronto is that we ignore the early warning signs at our peril. We must identify the early stages of the alienation or culture of violence or whatever you want to say is the cause of the Boxing Day shootings. For years, Family Services of Haliburton County has been arguing that we need to invest more of our municipal tax dollars in programs for youth. Whether you think that young people should "make their own fun" as generations gone by have done, or that their every waking moment should be filled with some organized activity, something must be done to engage young people's minds and hearts. And that something must not be a gang or a group of kids who break into cottages for a lark or hang around Main Street because they think no one else wants them.

– Martha Perkins

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Holiday greetings to the hard working roads dep't

To the Editor:

A Merry Christmas to our men and women on the roads department.

We appreciate what a wonderful job you do every year on our roads which are always plowed on time.

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Margaret and Wes Stevenson,
Horseshoe Lake Road

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Too much of a good thing

The other evening I was in my office doing something constructive and critically important for the service of mankind – that's code for tying flies, organizing ice fishing tackle, and passing wind – when my wife called me.

Since this is a family newspaper, I won't say what she called me. Besides, it's not really important. The important thing was that she alerted me to a show on TV that can only be construed as a sly and cynical way to garner post holiday ratings. I immediately told her that I had no time for such nonsense.

"But this is a one-hour special about cleavage," she yelled across the living room and into my office.

"Really?" I said nonchalantly, while trying to conceal my interest.

"Yes, now get off my lap, you idiot," she answered.

It was true; an entire television special was devoted to cleavage. Under the clever guise of cultural and historical

education, the narrator spoke about cleavage throughout the ages while showing hundreds upon hundreds of shining examples – none of which, thankfully, belonged to an overweight plumber.

My wife merely walked away shaking her head. But not me; I'm a sucker for educational shows.

The problem is, in the next hour I saw more cleavage than any one man has a right to see. The result of all this was that, by the end of the show, I wasn't nearly as appreciative of it as I should have been.

In fact, my standing ovation lacked its normal enthusiasm.

Oh sure, for the first fifty-nine and a half minutes or so, I'll admit I was somewhat intrigued, perhaps even hypnotized by it all. But some time during

that last thirty seconds, it occurred to me that I was also no longer drooling like an idiot – and not just because the credits were running either.

I suppose it was simply a case of too much of a good thing. Suddenly, I had become aware of all the hardships endured by feminine bosoms captured and crowded into too tight a space.

Suddenly, but not for the first time, their plight mattered to me.

"Let them free!" I yelled, while shaking my fist at the television. "Freedom for all!" Tears flowed freely down my cheeks.

Following that, the section of my brain that processes cleavage actually began to hurt. Fortunately, the remaining five per cent that deals with fishing, hunting, food, driving, finances, breathing, math and rude bodily functions was still okay.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Fearing winter

Atavistic, that's the ticket. That's the word I'm looking for. It both describes and defines the unexplainable, our irrational fear and loathing of winter.

Call it ancestral dread, if you want to skip looking up atavistic in the dictionary, an unease that reaches beyond memory or personal experience.

What about half of the folks up here feel in darkest December is almost like a phobia, like a fear of snakes or the dark of high places.

It is a feeling that puzzles those of us who actually enjoy winter, who are moved by the sight of fresh snow on evergreens and thrilled by a star-filled sky on a clear, cold winter night.

A much bigger puzzle is why those who regard winter as a misery live here. There are the usual ties of family and friends and habit, but they hardly explain a life lived in a climate that makes you unhappy.

We must pause here to consider the difference between the dilettantes and the connoisseurs of winter dread.

The dilettante's aversion to winter is superficial, mere fodder for conversation. There is a national tradition of complaining with equal passion about cold, heat, rain, snow or drought and the complaints are only idle chatter.

But the true connoisseur of winter dread feels it in his gut, which is the dictionary definition of visceral. If early November offers no winter to loathe, he can writhe in anticipatory anguish at the first leaf fall. Late fall is like the day before a visit to the dentist.

Combine winter dread with disgust at the mud season that follows it and dismay at the bug season that follows that, and you are left with about two months of good living up here on top of Ontario.

Dread of winter and fear of snakes probably is as old as our species. If you put the history of the human species on a 24-hour clock, the time when winter stopped being life-threatening was one second before midnight.

If you are of a certain age – my age, for example – the basis of winter dread may not be lost entirely in the mists of ancestral memory.

For the parents of our parents, winter in rural Ontario could be a time of desperate loneliness and privation.

Roads closed for the duration, children were lost in blizzards and families huddled in the dim light of coal oil lamps around a kitchen stove that was their only source of heat through the long winter evenings.

Go back a little further to the fathers of our grandfathers. Winter was a time of terrible isolation; if you miscalculated and ran out of food or firewood or got

lost in a storm, you might die.

As late as the years after the Second World War, a winter

storm could close down rural Ontario for weeks. For all his life, my father talked about the Winter of the Blue Snow, when even the train stopped running and he sat stranded in a country hotel for days.

Even my generation still walked to country schools without telephones or indoor plumbing. Oven-heated bricks wrapped in towels warmed our beds in rooms that froze a glass of water solid overnight.

My family lived for a year on a



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

MPP invites everyone to New Year's Levée

To the Editor:

Spirits are high this time of year, and with good reason. Christmas is the perfect time to pause and reflect on the important role loved ones play in our lives. With our family we enjoy special treats baked with care, traditional carols sung by choirs and the sense of excitement that surrounds Santa's arrival.

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

To ensure that all of the members of our community have a hearty festive dinner, a gift for their children, and a happy environment to experience the Christmas season, our local volunteers work tirelessly. Generosity, selflessness

and compassion are just some of the glowing words that we must share with the people staffing our food banks, charities, toy drives and joyful events.

As in years past, I would like to dedicate this holiday season article to every single volunteer in our community. From the high school students working in our food banks to the active seniors assisting the less-fortunate, have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy

Otherwise, I would have been in deep emotional trouble.

Don't get me wrong; I'm still all for cleavage, in theory at least. Heck, if cleavage were running in the upcoming federal election she'd have my vote. But when you see as much of it as I did that evening, well, quite frankly, it begins to lose its lustre. You start to think about that saying, "If you love something set it free ..."

Worse still, you find yourself asking the big philosophical questions: Is the cup half-empty or half-full? Or, since cleavage is simply a well-placed shadow, does it actually even exist in the dark? Or even, if a tree falls in the forest, does anyone looking at cleavage actually hear it?

More study is needed. Did anyone tape that show?

If so, call me. Until then, I'll be in my office doing something constructive and critically important for the service of mankind.

snowgirt county road that was plowed morning and late afternoon for the milk truck and school bus and pretty much stayed plugged up all the rest of the time.

My father, who was a teacher, watched for the plow and drove behind it to school in the morning and home at night.

In that mid-winter 45 years ago, the plow gave up on the next road over and its collection of families, and that road stayed closed until spring.

Those times are gone.

We may still have adventures on slippery roads and days when the power goes off, but hard, old days of winter are only a memory, or more likely a memory of somebody else's memory.

Homes are full of light and heat on the fiercest winter days, roads don't stay closed for long and technology hooks us up to the outside world even when the drifts pile up. Even our winter clothing does a better job of keeping us warm.

None of this matters much if winter dread is deep in your gut.

You may complain about cold or snow or winter gloom, but you hate what lies ahead in a way you can't explain, not even to yourself.

New Year.

In the spirit of the holiday season, we are delighted to hold our annual New Year's Levée. In Haliburton County it's on Saturday, January 7 at the Minden Community Centre from 2-4 pm.. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to local food banks. I look forward to seeing you there.

Laurie Scott, MPP

HAVE has given safe water to 500 villages in India

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of the group travelling to India with Feltham in February. "And he thought the best way you could help in the Third World was to give them fresh drinking water."

Since its inception, HAVE's mandate has always been to try to put as many wells in as many villages in the Third World as possible, says Reid. To date, HAVE and its supporters have funded more than 500 wells in India, each well serving 400 people with clean water.

To achieve that goal and to continue to install wells "to help the very poorest of the poor," states their website, HAVE has had one main fundraiser ever year, the Walk for Water.

"Gerry wanted these walks to simulate what a person would have to walk for water in the Third World," says Reid. "And they were 20 to 30 kilometre walks."

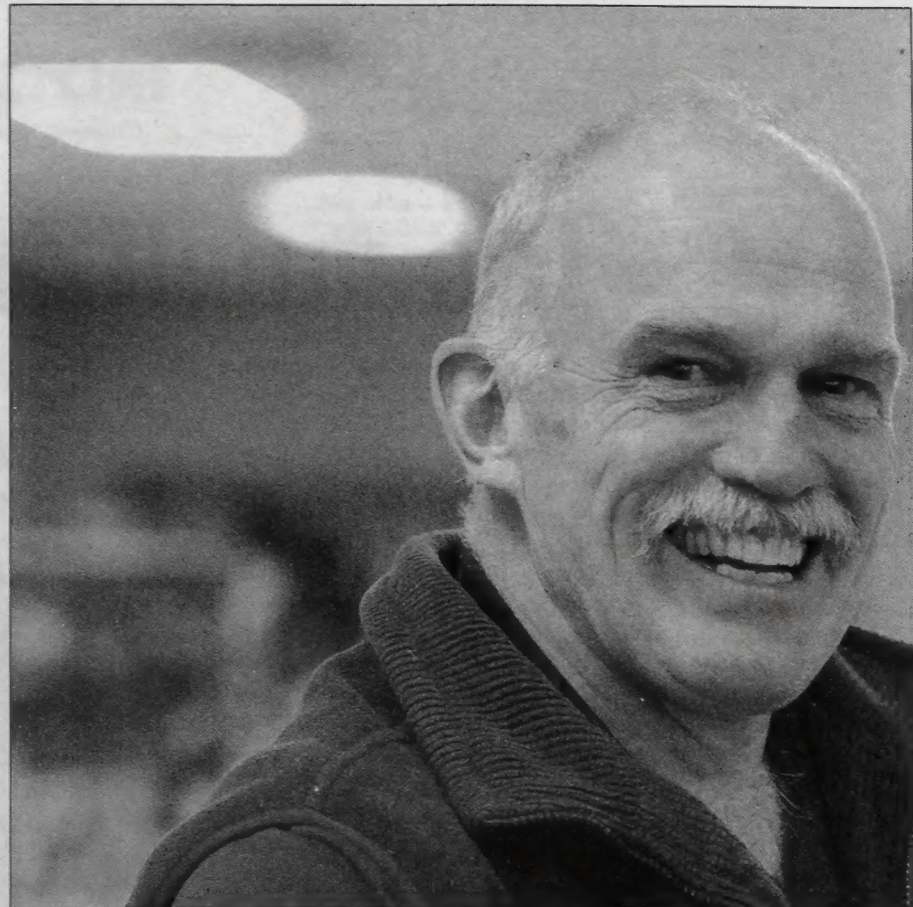
Needless to say, from 1984 when the Walks for Water began at head Lake park

in Haliburton until 2001 when HAVE embarked on a new initiative to raise funds, the walks were rarely 20 to 30 kilometres. In the last few years the walks typically were five kilometers.

But not everyone wants to just walk, and not everyone was available during the first Saturday in June when the walk took place. To combat fluctuating participation, HAVE, in 2002, started the "choose your own adventure walk" fundraising campaign. H.A.V.E. has also partnered with the Trail and Tours Network to allow their fundraising to be done during the Hike Haliburton festival as well as other organized events.

"With any organization, volunteers come and go and can wear out," says Reid. "What we do with the 'choose your own adventure' is that people can have their walks wherever and whenever they want to."

Not only does the new fundraising campaign allow interested parties the freedom to raise funds when they can, but also how they can, while still maintaining the tradi-



Darren Lum/TIMES

By running a half marathon for Walk for Water this past summer, Ron Reid and his wife Toos raised enough money to provide clean water to 3,000 people in India.

tional method of pledges.

And funds are unquestionably a major part of HAVE. A new drinking well costs about \$2,000 to be built, says Reid, and by itself, the cost is staggering. Considering that HAVE has successfully

built more than 500 wells across India, the total cost for their efforts through the years approaches \$1 million.

While HAVE has been very successful at spreading the message about the need

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Ontario Realty Corporation
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND SUBMISSIONS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Long-Term Lease Opportunity
Leslie M. Frost Centre
RR# 2, Minden, Ontario
RFQ No. 05C027

The Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), on behalf of Ontario's Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, is pleased to present an opportunity for a party or parties to enter into a long-term lease of the main campus of the Leslie M. Frost Centre, for the primary purpose of investing in, and operating environmental and outdoor educational programs with possible compatible secondary uses.

This 39-acre property is located in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, about 12 km south of the Town of Dorset, with frontage on Highway 35 and Lake St. Nora. There are 26 buildings and other structures on the site, comprising over 90,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area. For nearly 60 years until July 2004, the Ministry of Natural Resources operated these facilities as a natural resource educational and training centre.

The purpose of this Request for Expressions of Interest and Submission of Qualifications (RFQ) is to seek submissions from parties interested in pursuing this potential opportunity. The RFQ is the first step in the process towards the selection of a suitable proponent with whom ORC intends to enter into a leasing arrangement.

Full details of this invitation are provided in the RFQ document which can be viewed on the ORC website at www.orc.on.ca by clicking on the "Business w/ORC" tab. As specified in the RFQ document, parties desiring to submit a proposal must register their interest in writing, no later than 3:00:00 p.m. EST on January 24, 2006 at the following address:

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Any questions regarding the content of the RFQ document should be forwarded in writing, via e-mail indicating "Frost Centre RFQ" to Connie Locke, Project Manager, at Connie.Locke@orc.gov.on.ca

DEMANDE D'EXPRESSION D'INTÉRÊT ET DE QUALIFICATION (DQ)

Possibilités de bail à long terme
Centre Leslie M. Frost
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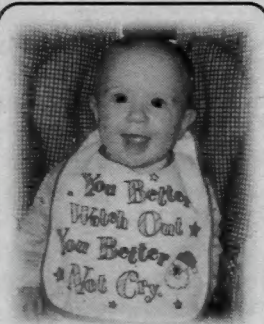
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Volunteers will travel to India this February

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for clean drinking water in India across Canada, with walks now taking place throughout Newfoundland, Ontario and even British Columbia, all the enthusiasm in the world could not add up to \$1 million for HAVE's limited history and size.

However, HAVE has not had to do it all alone. Partnering with the Canadian International Development Agency, HAVE has assumed about one half of the cost.

"Every dollar we raise is matched by a dollar from CIDA," says Reid. And that funding partnership continues, so long as HAVE raises more than \$50,000 each year. For the past four years, that benchmark has been a requirement to receive matching funding from CIDA.

And the funds raised, although cyclical, says Reid, are raised no longer exclusively through walking. Knowing that funds raised would be matched by CIDA, Reid and his wife Toos, residents of Carnarvon, were too excited to walk this year, so they ran.

"My wife and I decided this year to run a half marathon," says Reid. "For every \$1,000 we raise, it means a new well for 400 people in India."

He and his wife ran in Toronto and collectively raised \$7,000, with matching funds from CIDA, which translates into seven new wells to be built in communities throughout India that will collectively serve nearly 3,000 people who currently do not have clean drinking water.

"I think 'community' today is global," says Reid about why he feels so strongly about HAVE's purpose. "I think we have to look after our brothers."

Reid's passion for HAVE continues with growing strength. The next project for Reid and HAVE is a pro-

posal to build 72 new wells in West Bengal in India as well as to financially support a school in West Bengal that currently has no furniture.

In Haliburton alone this past year, between 50 and 100 people took part in raising funds for HAVE. Since CIDA has stipulated that a minimum of \$50,000 be raised annually to receive matching CIDA funds, HAVE with its national support has had no problems reaching that goal.

Besides new HAVE walks taking place across Canada, Reid is also developing partnerships with other like-minded organizations. In fact, Reid will be speaking to a group of students at McMaster University in the new year about a possible group project in India.

Reid wants to send 15 students to India each year to do a water project, possibly a pipeline project that brings clean water down from the glaciers in northern India to villages further south.

This coming February, Reid, along with five other members of HAVE are traveling to India to see first-hand the fruits of their labour. Traveling to three different project sites, two in the north and one in the south, that HAVE has supported over the years, Reid knows that the trip, being led by HAVE founder Gerry Feltham, will inspire him to do more. Reid is hoping to bring with him \$500 to \$1000 to give the school in West Bengal.

"I think it's going to be fabulous," he says. "We'll be walking to a lot of the villages we are visiting. It will make me much more aware of what needs to be done."

Reid knows that the awareness he hopes to gain in February will translate into a renewed energy to raise funds for clean drinking water in India. Now that he and his wife have conquered the marathon, what will the Reid's choose as their fundraising adventure?

"I'll talk my wife into a marathon," he laughs. Then again, maybe not.

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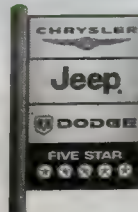


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Pharma-Santa

While just out and about checking his route (and his lists), Santa was spotted at the Minden Pharmasave last week, talking to shoppers to find out whether they had been good or bad. And just in case there was bad weather on Christmas Eve, or Rudolph's nose burnt out, he gave out fistfuls of candy canes. Luckily Santa did manage to make it to Minden without incident. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Stanhope area has plenty to be extremely thankful for

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A plethora of wonderful hiking trails, managed by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network allows us to see the beauty and richness of the countryside.

We are grateful to have a year round recreational coordinator with a summer assistant to plan programs for young and old. Accessible community halls and parks for activities of all kinds as well as a library dedicated to attracting the community's youth are well appreciated.

The Stanhope Heritage Museum, overflowing with artifacts and information about the history of our community, is an attraction that has interesting events such as Heritage Day to make everything accessible to the public.

There are unique resorts, bed and breakfasts, lodges and marinas of all descriptions.

We have The Stanhope Triathlon, a unique event organized by dedicated volunteers each year.

Many of us appreciate the excellent restaurants that abound here such as That Place in Carnarvon, The Millpond Restaurant, Oakview Lodge, The Wharf Tavern, Ox Narrows Restaurant, The Firehouse Restaurant and The Pepper

Mill Restaurant just to the south.

Stanhope also offers a tranquil and beautiful environment to inspire artists and writers.

A haunted garden centre at Pine Reflections, generously fundraises yearly for the Stanhope Fire Department.

Lastly, but not least, we give thanks for a first rate volunteer fire department which takes pride in the emergency services it provides for the Stanhope community. Hats off and sincere thanks to its many volunteers.

Stanhope must be special as sightings of movie stars occasionally testify to the lure of our community. Mike Myers has been seen in That Place in Carnarvon and it is rumoured that Tom Hanks flies in to Stanhope Airport, when coming up here. Community spirit and pride make Stanhope one of the best places in the world to live and we give thanks for the peace, serenity and inspiration that people can find here.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

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PINESTONE RESORT

Minden artist John Lennard has new show in Lindsay

Nature, the environment and an awareness of the natural world are all issues addressed by the upcoming exhibit running from January 7 to 28 by artist John Lennard at The Lindsay Gallery.

Lennard, a Minden resident formally trained at both the Ontario College of Art and the Art Students League of New York, has devoted more than 30 years to painting the Canadian landscape. This exhibit, entitled "Colour, Light and Shadow," is made up primarily of works in oil on canvas. The paintings feature bold colours and strong design with an emphasis on light and pattern.

"I want the viewer to look into shadows and see light and colours they never knew existed in nature," said Lennard. "I try to evoke sensations with my work and hope that viewers feel, rather than see, what was experienced at that place and time."

Running concurrently with Lennard's exhibit is a sculptural exhibition of works by the Kawartha Potters Guild.

Art lovers and collectors alike are also invited to "Meet the Artist" on Saturday, January 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. where anyone can come into the gallery and have a chance to meet John Lennard in person.

The Lindsay Gallery, located on the second floor of the Lindsay Public Library, is open Tues. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free to all exhibits.



John Lennard has an art show in Lindsay in January.

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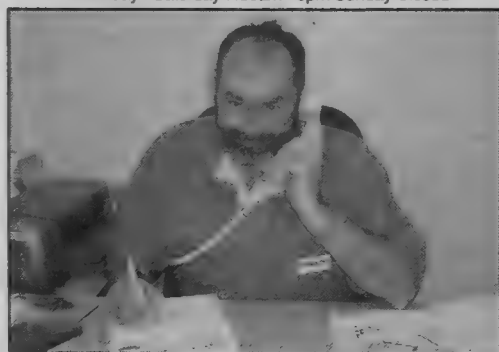
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How to shed that extra Christmas cheer

Dorset TOPS invites new members to join their slimming ways

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The United Churches of Lake of Bays charge (Dorset, Dwight and Hillside) will be having a combined service Sunday, January 1 at Pioneer Memorial, Hillside, with Rev. Robin Sharp. Sunday, January 8 services at Knox United, Dorset at 9:30 a.m. and Pioneer Memorial, Hillside at 11 a.m. will be conducted by lay preacher Gundy Upans. Services will continue to be held at 9:30



DORSET NEWS

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a.m. in Dorset and 11 a.m. in Hillside while Dwight is closed during the winter months.

A new session of Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Meditation will begin at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, January, 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. and running to 8 p.m. The session is 12 weeks long and will cost \$162 + \$11.34 GST. Valerie Houston-Peel of Temple Knights will be conducting the session. For more information or to register, please call the Rec Centre at 766-9968.

The 9th Annual Dinner and Music Night takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, January, 14 starting at 6 p.m. This family friendly event is one not to miss. Dinner is chili with all the fixings and music is provided by local talent (all are welcome to join in this part

of the evening). Call the Recreation Centre to reserve at 766-9968 or for more details.

Keeping children busy indoors when it's cold outside is much easier when you use the Haliburton County Public Library. A weekly trip to your local branch for a fresh supply of reading material will also give them a lifelong love of the library. Popular non-fiction books to help keep children's hands busy are; drawing guides such as *You Can Draw Fantastic Animals* by Grahame Corbett, craft books by author Mary Wallace, *My First Cookbook* by Angela Wilkes, knitting and crocheting patterns, and any of the 56 titles found under "crafts" as the subject of an on-line catalogue browse on the library website. While on the website, you can also search for the hours of the branch nearest you. Do a Google search for the Haliburton County Public Library and visit your branch this week. Children belong at the library.

Birthday wishes for the week of December 25 to 31 go out to Nancy Morley, Becky Mead, Kyle Chatelaine, Hailey Pulfrey, Rebecca Arbuckle and Len Whitworth. Happy Anniversary to Paul and Nancy Morley. I hope you enjoy your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Save money on your hydro bill

Electricity consumption in the average Ontario home looks like this: 31 per cent goes to heating and cooling; 15 per cent to lighting; 38 per cent to appliances (including washer and dryer, fridge, freezer, stove and dishwasher); and, 15 per cent to water heating. Much of this energy is not put to good use, as heat leaks around poorly fitting doors and windows, and lights and appliances are left on when nobody is home.

Here are some easy tips to get you started. You'll be surprised at just how easy it is to save energy in your home, and how much money you can save, too!

- A programmable thermostat is easy to install and has become very easy to use. You will wake up to a warm house without wasting energy.
- Defend the purchase of that stylish new sweater by using it as a reason to keep your thermostat set lower in the winter. For every degree you lower the heat, in the 16 to 21 degree Celsius range, you'll save up to 5 per cent on your heating cost.

- A dirty furnace filter reduces air flow and makes your furnace work harder; clean filters can save up to 5 per cent of energy use.

Special tape to seal leaky heating ducts is easy to apply and keeps heat going to where it is needed.

- Take a quick shower instead of a bath; a typical bath uses about 75 litres of hot water, while a five-minute shower with an energy efficient showerhead will use about half that amount.

- Wrap your electric water heater and reduce energy use by 8-10 per cent with an easy to install "tank insulating blanket," available at hardware and building supply stores.

- Is the temperature of your refrigerator and your freezer set for only as cold as you need? Defrost your manual-defrost freezer regularly to ensure it operates at maximum efficiency. Dispose of the old "energy hog" fridge in the basement which is wasting both space and energy. The fridge you bought in 1975 costs about four times as much to run as a new Energy STAR model.

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Perils of city children and country plumbing

Plunger ritual marks Boxing Day at the Fleury farmhouse

Something that happens four years in a row is just not a coincidence. City children and country plumbing are simply not compatible. Even the posting in bathrooms of those cutesy colour-coded folk art signs referring to things yellow and brown fails to reduce the number of flushes or the volume of paper accompanying same. While here at the old farmhouse there is no insane polar plunge into the pond's icy waters, the Boxing Day plunger ritual continues.

Other than that, the grandchildren were great filling the house with excitement. Emma, off to university next year, was busy on her computer and Austin received a lengthy reply to his neatly printed Santa note including a reminder to brush his teeth at least twice daily. Ben, not yet two, ran the gamut from hockey wannabe determined to remain upright in little black skates to bedtime super hero.

Complete with bright red cape and large "S" on his pajama top he sat fascinated beside big brother Josh and sister Brianna watching the LGB model train emerge yet again from its tunnel.

As everyone left, the snow started falling heavily in picture perfect fashion as predicted by my National Geographic weather station newly installed on the porch railing by the bird feeder. Now there will be no excuse for lack of preparation on the part of the chickadees.

Looking for a great way to ring in the New Year? Join friends and neighbours upstairs at the Kinmount Legion with D.J. Tom Williamson on Saturday, December 31 starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 for a single admission which includes a buffet, favours and door prizes. Please note this is a non-smoking, age of majority event.

On Sunday, January 1, 2006 Legion President Joe McNamara will host the President's Levee at the Legion from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. with refreshments available.

There will be a special combined Service in Knox United Church, Cobocok at 11 a.m. this Sunday for the four churches [Burnt River, Kinmount, Knox and Norland United Churches] which presently form the Cobocok Pastoral Charge.

This service will celebrate both the achievements made and the valued fellowship of the past 60 years along with the significant new directions now being taken. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please note that the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre will be closed for the month of January 2006 for renovations. The plan is to create improved display areas for the increasing variety of local art and handcrafts and improve existing storage space.

The Marketplace will reopen on Saturday, February



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4th and continue open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. over the winter, weather conditions permitting. The Marketplace's phone number is 488-1414 if you want to check before heading out.

The annual meeting of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be held at the Galway Hall on Saturday, January 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Reports for the year 2005 will be received, the new board of directors installed and information of interest to all area residents both permanent and seasonal shared.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. Several of the weekly events normally reported are not being held between Christmas and New Years. Where information has been provided it is included. If unsure please contact your group's convener to confirm.

December 19 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Verna McDonald and Lorne Dinesen with Betty Sharpe and Lorna Hicks leading the ladies/men's scores. Gala Stamp and Laura Carnegie had the afternoon's lows while Laura Carnegie and Jeanne Keliele took home special prizes. A visitor wearing not red but black and white paid a call on Laura Carnegie, Lorne Dinesen and Gala Stamp.

December 20 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High scores ladies/men were a family affair going to Betty and Gerald Hicks with Ralph Young and Gala Stamp recording the lows. Kevin Maloney held the most lone hands while Pearl Cowen won the draw.

December 20 Stanhope Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Laura Carnegie and Connie Sawyer were the top duo at 344 followed by Marj Hamilton and Grace Berardi at 312 and Colleen Davison partnered with Pearl Cowen at 270. The afternoon's low score was recorded

by Cliff Davison and Joan Meadows at 132.

December 20 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the top trio was Sharon Evans at 279 then Kevin Maloney 246 and Marcel Roussel 244. Moonshots landed on Gala Stamp, Rob Evans, Thelma Francis, Pat Scadden, Phyllis Windsor and Kay Naylor with Kevin Maloney, Pat Roussel, Don Burch and Thelma Francis holding the hidden scores. Conveners Jean and Pat Scadden wish to thank everyone for their support over the past year. See you next year.

December 20 contract bridge at Stanhope: Edith Kolarek and Kelly Metcalf made the single Slam of the afternoon. Kelly topped the scoring at 6480 followed by Herbert Kolarek 5400, Muriel McIntosh 5330 and Jean Jackson 5080. Margo Davidson won the lucky draw, Jacqueline Metcalf the Shiny Penny and for husband Kelly Metcalf it was the O.E.O.T.T.P. for being the Other End Of The Totem Pole.

December 21 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In first were Harold Cox and our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher at 69% with Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh second at 65%. Tied for third place at 52% were Diana Spicer and Doug McIntosh and Stella McMillan partnered with Ross Davies.

December 21 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies our reporter Theresa Deak was high and Emily Harvie low while Roger Fournier led the gents with Harold Harvie low man. Theresa, who also won the draw, reminds that the next event will be bid euchre on Monday, January 2nd at 1 p.m.

December 22 euchre at the Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were Gala Stamp and Lorne Dinesen with Verna McDonald and Bob Cleverly taking the high scores. Lows went to Kay Orr and John Mallon while the other prizes were won by Lois Adamson, Bob Pollard and Gala Stamp along with Kay and Tom Orr. May Bradbury wishes everyone a Happy New Year and reminds that the next event will be on January 5th.

In closing my wish to all for a Happy New Year filled with satisfaction and promise.

How to re-gift unwanted presents

Holiday surveys have shown that two out of every three Canadians receive at least one unwanted gift during the holidays, begging the question – what are Canadians doing with gifts they don't like? The answer? Re-gifting.

While in the past it has been one of those "hush-hush" holiday traditions that most Canadians practice but never talk about, the art of re-gifting is gaining in popularity and becoming less taboo every year.

Despite best intentions, gift-givers don't always get it right. Canadians continue to receive unwanted gifts, whether it's the wrong size, the wrong style, or just plain

wrong. While the idea of recycling gifts makes some people squeamish, done with finesse and tact, re-gifting can turn a wrong holiday gift into a happy holiday experience.

Consider following these simple rules for re-gifting:

- Keep track of the gift-givers. Avoid re-gifting a present to the original giver by keeping a list of who gave what. Also, re-gift sooner rather than later to avoid forgetting where the present originally came from.
- Update the wrapping. Ensure all signs of re-gifting have been removed from the present (i.e. wrapping paper and gift cards). No one wants to know they are the recipient of recycled gift.
- Far and away. Give a re-gift to someone far removed from the person who originally gave the gift. For example, if the present came from a family member, re-gift it to a co-worker.

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Thursday, January 19, 2006
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Curling's rising stars shine at regionals

Even though they were competing in a higher age range, Ed Cyr and Connor Duhaime's team places third

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

As top-ranked international curlers prepare for the Olympics in Torino, Italy two teenaged curlers from Minden are setting their sights on the 2006 Canada Winter Games.

Ed Cyr, 16, and Connor Duhaime, 15, returned to their home rink in Minden heroes after finishing third at the recent Junior Regional Competition in Richmond Hill. Since they usually play at the bantam level (with Peterborough-based curlers Kyle Thompson and Rob Collins), doing so well against the college-aged curlers was a good sign that their goal is not an unrealistic one.

You won't catch them speaking about earning a berth to the Canada Winter Games too loudly though. They're far too humble for that. But you can see the burning desire in their eyes as they describe their recent performance, including a win against Ontario's second-ranked junior team skipped by Tim March.

"The best way to learn in this game is playing teams that are better than you. If you play teams that aren't as good or they don't curl too well you don't take anything in," Ed says. "You just practise winning... When you're down you're constantly looking for ways to improve."

At the juniors, however, this wasn't the easiest lesson to learn.

"They were talking about calling it quits after eight ends. The coach asked me if I wanted to call it quits. I says, 'No, we're going to go ten ends. This is a lesson for the boys,'" says head coach Russ Duhaime. "How often do you get a chance to curl against a team of this calibre? There's no way we're walking off the ice," Duhaime says. They lost their first game 14-4.

Coach Duhaime points out that after giving up six points in the first end, the team traded points the rest of the game.

After the loss the team was able turn it around, defeating March's team during the B side semi-final 8-7, holding a point lead in the last end. March had the "hammer" - last shot of end - and the team played aggressively, putting rocks in the house, cluttering it.

"I went into the game just hoping to keep it close and I didn't expect to win. But when it got to the fifth end it was tied [4-4] we realized we could win this," Ed says.

On the way to the showdown the team won two games, including a domination of Avonlea and an extra-end stunner against highly-ranked Tyler Jones from Peterborough.

In the B final the team faced off against Pat Russell's team, fifth in the province. Leading by one point the team didn't score in the extra end to lose by one point. This competitive play was the victory despite the loss.

"We were pretty happy with that. We didn't expect to get really far in that competition. It was more of a prac-

Darren Lum/TIMES



Minden teenage curlers Ed Cyr and Connor Duhaime are taking their confidence to the next level after a strong performance with adult curlers. This duo is one half of a successful bantam team that finished third in a regional junior tournament in Richmond Hill recently.

tice tournament. We did very well," Connor says.

During the competition the team enlisted Jim Maddin's coaching help. They attribute his guidance with the surprising results and are hoping he can continue to help them.

The local pair first met several years ago and have been playing together for six years. It's only been in the last year the duo has teamed up with Kyle Thompson and Rob Collins, both from Peterborough. It's been an ideal match, made from mutual friends and a high school competition.

In a way they fulfil their namesake roles: Ed is skip, Connor is vice, Rob is lead, and Kyle is second.

Kyle is the team comedian in most instances while Ed is the father figure keeping things in check when the humour gets out of hand with Connor providing focus, strategy options and a comforting word for Ed when he needs it.

Every now and then the roles become blurred when the need is required.

"If Kyle is getting down then all three of us are working to keep him happy," Ed says.

The team stresses a positive attitude and that has been a major ingredient in their success. Negativity on the ice can "bring down the whole team".

"If you see someone's down then the whole team sort of tries to pump that person up," Ed says. "If it's really quiet on the ice, we say 'awkward silence' out loud then everyone starts laughing."

"They're not looking at the shot they just missed. They're looking at the next stone they're going to throw," coach Duhaime says.

"When you start blaming other people they get down. It doesn't go very well at all," Ed says.

Between games the team keeps things light by playing the children's game "grounders" - a form of tag in and around the playground equipment - between games.

Another factor in their development was the chance to curl at the Minden Club, says Duhaime. Being on the ice with experienced players at the various positions showed them what skills they had and what needed work.

"From a coaching stand point there is no better place to be than on the ice with these guys during a game," Duhaime says. "There is so much more you can do during the game than you can do in a practice."

The immediate goal is to earn a berth to the Bantam provincials. They want to continue with their success and see how they will fare against curlers their own age at the upcoming Bantam Zone tournament in mid-January.

"We don't want to set our goals too high right away," Ed says.

"We want to re-establish our goals as we go. In the long run our goal is going to probably to win provincials," says Connor. "Then if we do that then maybe the Canada Games... But that's a long way off still."

"Really the stretch right now is to bring their confidence down a notch," Connor's father says, laughing.

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High Triple HC: John Whitty 756; Marg. Schepers 736

Thursday Afternoon, December 22

High Average: Ken Thompson 217; Shirley Webb 168
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High Single HC: Jack March 264; Shirley Webb 278
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**AT REST
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GULL LAKE

This year round waterfront home features a fabulous view of Gull Lake from most rooms. There are plenty of areas to entertain family & friends w/ 2 large living rooms, both w/ FP & 6 spacious BR, 3 with w/o to decks & 3 baths. Interior design exudes warmth & charm with wainscoting & country decor. Outdoor private patio & bar, a large party deck/sundeck at the shore & a dock w/ boatlift.

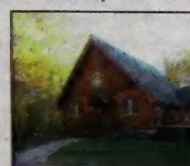
\$799,000



MISKWABI LAKE

Warm & inviting 13 yr. old log, country home with deeded access. Priv. w/ southern exposure, modern chef's kitchen & new SS appliances. 4 BR (2 w/ensuites), 3 bathrooms, hardwood & ceramic floors, cathedral ceiling, loft & pine paneled full w/o bsmt. You will love the warmth of the logs in this charming year round vacation home w/ water access on Miskwabi Lake.

\$309,000



Troy Austen*



Linda Baumgartner*

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ext. 231

\$239,000



HALIBURTON HOME

4 bdrm, 2 storey home. Quality construction, 3 baths, plenty of room to room with livingroom, family room and sitting room. 4.85 acre lot within walking distance to town.

\$375,000



Bill Kulas*

286-2911
ext. 44

COUNTRY LOG HOME

Nestled on a nicely treed & very private 32 acre property, this custom built round log home features an open concept design. Vaulted ceiling with a massive one-of-a-kind stone FP. 3 bdrms, office/den, 2 full baths plus a detached 2 car garage and barn. A must see! Only a 10 minute drive from Minden.

ASKING \$289,000



HORSESHOE LAKE ROAD

Just listed! This immaculately kept 3 bdrm bungalow in an area of fine homes featuring a stone FP hardwood flooring, full finished bsmt with a guest bdrm, 2 car attached garage, large back deck overlooking a level landscaped 1 acre lot. Many extras. Call Bill Kulas today for more details.

\$198,500

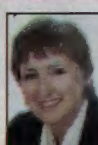


Ken Barry* & Deb Deremo*

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DRAG RIVER ACREAGES

Your choice of seven beautifully treed riverfront lots with an excellent location on the edge of town. With access off a municipally maintained road, they offer the peace, tranquility and privacy you've been looking for. Good building sites to choose from, with hydro and telephone available at the road. Call for all the details!



Lynda Litwin*

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ext. 35

COMMERCIAL

Tremendous location on the corner of Hwy 35 just south of Minden. Buildings consist of Office Administration and two separate shops. Additional M-1 zoned lot and 2nd C-1 (commercial) with 595' on Hwy 35 also.

\$695,000



CONTAU LAKE

South facing cottage on sloping grade to lake. 2 bdrm with a bunkie for extra sleeping. Year round access with excellent view and in good condition.

\$199,000



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

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ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



Rick Lowes*

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ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

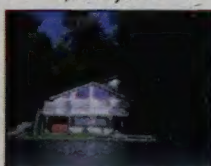
Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW!

\$199,900

KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive 3 bedroom cottage / home. Loads of extras includes, bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. CALL NOW!

\$354,900



Fred Chapple*

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\$159,500



SWEET & COZY

Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms - lots of room to room. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.

\$124,900



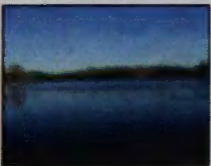
Karen Nimigon*

457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

2+1 bdrm, 4 season WF home. Charming country w/wood walls & beamed cathedral ceilings. Well designed kitchen is a "Recipe For Success". Sunken living room with woodstove & w/o to deck. Spacious bdrms, main floor laundry, rec room, workshop and storage area, single car garage and 10x10 shed/workshop, cedar dock, sand shoreline, 3 lake chain. Close to Snowmobile trails.

\$319,000



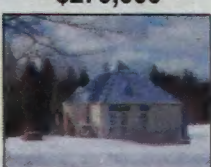
Victor Disk*

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ext. 45

DUCK LAKE ROAD

Wow! Only minutes to golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, boating, swimming & fishing. This 3 bdrm home is nestled esthetically into a 5 acre lot close to Minden. A circular staircase sweeps from the lower, to the main & to the upper level. From the kitchen you can walk out to your balcony & enjoy your morning coffee or relax in a bright cozy living room. For viewing ask for Victor Disk.

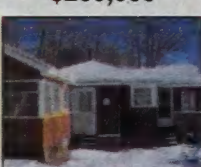
\$279,000



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disk.

\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*

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CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Vince Duchene**

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ext. 225

\$139,900



Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Ted Vasey*

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ext. 223

INGOLDSBY

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

NOW \$169,000



BOSKUNG LAKE

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

ASKING \$349,000



Lenor Fulton*

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exts. 23 & 46

HORSESHOE LAKE

Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakefront. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$379,000



Melanie Vigrass*

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ext. 40

NEW LISTING

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

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\$17,500/each



Linda Beachli**

457-1011
ext. 227

\$275,000



LOCATION

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IN TOWN HOME

Imagine the Christmas tree lit in this warm, custom built home with the family together in front of the stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, decks & balconies to enjoy the 21 acres this home is nestled into.

\$469,000



Peter Brady**

457-1011
ext. 234

INVESTMENTS

ONLY \$169,900



POWER OF SALE

Triplex 2,800 sq ft. Large 2 bdrm main suite, 2-1 bdrm upper suites. Walk-out bsmt could be fourth income. More than one acre. Detached garage.

INVESTMENTS

\$209,900 ONLY



HALIBURTON DUPLEX

Great in town rental location. Excellent gross income. 9+%% return. All new finishes.